

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
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ON BEHALF OF
SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY
DOCKET NO. 2014-5-G**

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND POSITION.

A. My name is **Rose M. Jackson**, and my business address is **1400 Lady Street, Columbia, South Carolina**. I am employed by **SCANA Services, Inc.** (“SCANA Services”) as **General Manager – Supply & Asset Management**.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND BUSINESS BACKGROUND.

A. I graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. Following graduation, I worked for approximately three (3) years as an accountant for a national security services firm. In 1992, I began my employment with SCANA Corporation ("SCANA") as an accountant working directly for SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc. Over the years, I have held varying positions of increasing responsibility including Energy Services Coordinator, where I was responsible for scheduling gas for the Atlanta Gas Light System; project manager for the implementation of an automated gas management system; and Manager of Operations. In 1998, I became responsible for gas procurement, interstate pipeline and local distribution company scheduling and preparation of gas accounting information. In May 2002, I became Manager

1 of Operations and Gas Accounting with SCANA Services where I was responsible
2 for gas scheduling on interstate pipelines and gas accounting for all SCANA
3 subsidiaries. In November 2003, I became Fuels Planning Manager where I
4 assisted all SCANA subsidiaries with strategic planning and special projects
5 associated with natural gas. I held this position until promoted to my current
6 position in December 2005.

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8 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS GENERAL MANAGER- SUPPLY &**
9 **ASSET MANAGEMENT?**

10 A. In regard to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G" or the
11 "Company") concerning this proceeding, I am responsible for gas supply and asset
12 management functions. Specifically, my responsibilities include the oversight of
13 planning, procurement of supply and capacity, nominations and scheduling, gas cost
14 accounting, state and federal regulatory issues concerning supply and capacity, and
15 asset and risk management.

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17 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY.**

18 A. The purpose of my testimony in this docket is two-fold. First, I discuss
19 SCE&G's portfolio of gas supply, addressing the various gas supply and
20 transportation options available to the Company. Second, I discuss the state of the
21 natural gas market during the period of August 1, 2013, to July 31, 2014 ("Review
22 Period").

1 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE GAS SUPPLY OPTIONS CURRENTLY**
2 **AVAILABLE TO SCE&G.**

3 A. There are three gas supply options that are available to SCE&G: (1) wellhead
4 gas supply, (2) underground storage, and (3) liquefied natural gas ("LNG").
5 SCE&G's gas asset portfolio includes each of these supply options, and the
6 Company has combined these supply options with interstate transportation to meet
7 its firm demand under varying weather conditions at reasonable cost.
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9 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE AVAILABLE INTERSTATE PIPELINE**
10 **TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS.**

11 A. SCE&G purchases interstate pipeline transportation capacity on both a firm
12 and interruptible basis from the three (3) interstate pipelines that provide service to
13 SCE&G: Southern Natural Gas Company ("Southern"), Transcontinental Gas Pipe
14 Line Corporation ("Transco"), and Carolina Gas Transmission Corporation
15 ("CGTC").

16 Interstate Firm Transportation ("FT") service permits SCE&G access to
17 interstate pipeline transportation capacity on a priority basis. Interruptible
18 Transportation ("IT") service is only available when FT customers, such as
19 SCE&G, are not using their FT capacity. IT service is curtailed when FT
20 customers use their capacity. In sum, FT and IT services use the same physical
21 pipeline capacity, with FT service having priority. SCE&G contracts for FT
22 service from the three interstate pipelines serving South Carolina to ensure

1 delivery of natural gas during colder periods when the full transportation capacity
2 of these pipelines is used and when the demand for natural gas service is typically
3 greatest. SCE&G currently holds 161,143 dekatherms ("Dt") of firm capacity on
4 Southern and 64,652 Dt of firm capacity on Transco. In addition, SCE&G
5 currently has 311,229 Dt of firm capacity with CGTC in order to deliver gas from
6 Transco and Southern and from SCE&G's in-state LNG facilities to SCE&G's
7 system. Exhibit No. __ (RMJ-1) provides a summary of the firm transportation
8 contracts by pipeline supplier.
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10 **Q. ARE THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH INTERSTATE PIPELINE**
11 **ASSETS ANTICIPATED TO CHANGE IN THE NEAR FUTURE?**

12 **A.** Yes. As the Company reported in Docket No. 2013-5-G, SCE&G and the
13 other parties reached a pre-filed rate case settlement with Southern which, among
14 other things, provided for a decrease in rates in two phases. The first phase, which
15 became effective September 1, 2013, resulted in a 5.91% reduction in tariff rates,
16 or a decrease of \$0.00779 per therm for SCE&G's firm customers. The second
17 phase, which will be effective November 1, 2015, will result in an additional
18 2.79% reduction in tariff rates, or an estimated decrease of \$0.00346 per therm for
19 SCE&G's firm customers. The cumulative estimated impact to SCE&G's firm
20 customers is an estimated decrease of \$0.01125 per therm or 8.69%.

21 On December 6, 2013, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued
22 an order approving the Transco stipulation and agreement related to its 2012 rate

1 case. The rates became effective on March 1, 2013, with an impact to SCE&G's
2 firm customers in the amount of \$0.004 per therm which reflects an approximately
3 14% increase to the previous tariff rates; however, these rates, if approved, are
4 lower than Transco's originally filed rates which reflected a 28% increase to the
5 previous tariff rates.

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7 **Q. HOW DOES SCE&G OPTIMIZE ITS FIRM TRANSPORTATION**
8 **CAPACITY?**

9 A. SCE&G optimizes its firm transportation capacity in several ways including
10 the following:

- 11 • "Segmentation" allows SCE&G to deliver up to twice as much supply on
12 a portion of its firm capacity while paying only one demand charge.
13 Interstate pipelines allow segmentation as long as the delivery point meter
14 has sufficient capacity and gas supply does not cross the same delivery
15 point.
- 16 • SCE&G shares interstate transportation capacity in the amount of 27,000
17 Dt/day between its gas and electric departments pursuant to a
18 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), as previously approved by the
19 Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in Docket
20 No. 2006-5-G. The gas department has the first call on this capacity
21 during the winter months and the electric department has first call on this
22 capacity during the summer months. Under the MOU, 32.32% of the

1 fixed capacity costs associated with the shared capacity amount is
2 assigned to the gas department based on the relative numbers of customers
3 served by the two departments as of the time the MOU was executed. The
4 department transporting gas under the MOU is also responsible for all
5 volumetric charges and costs associated with the gas transported,
6 including any imbalance costs and/or penalties.
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8 **Q. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE BENEFITS OF THE MOU TO SCE&G AND ITS**
9 **CUSTOMERS.**

10 A. The MOU is functioning as intended and is a beneficial tool to the Company
11 and its customers. This arrangement promotes the efficient use of interstate
12 transportation and storage capacity between the departments and reduces the cost
13 included within the cost of gas factor. Moreover, prior to developing the MOU, the
14 gas department did not have firm access to facilities allowing it to utilize gas
15 supplied by the Elba Island LNG Facility located near Savannah, Georgia. In short,
16 the MOU allows SCE&G to use this additional source of natural gas supply to meet
17 the reliability and service needs of its natural gas distribution system at reasonable
18 costs.
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1 Q. WHAT INTERSTATE STORAGE ASSETS ARE AVAILABLE TO THE
2 COMPANY TO AID IN DELIVERING RELIABLE AND SECURE GAS
3 SERVICE TO SCE&G CUSTOMERS?

4 A. The Company currently has 4,908,848 Dt of storage capacity on Southern's
5 system, with maximum daily withdrawal capability from this storage equaling
6 99,121 Dt per day at peak storage inventory. On Transco, SCE&G subscribes to
7 593,735 Dt of storage capacity, with a maximum withdrawal quantity of 19,789 Dt
8 per day at peak storage inventory. Exhibit No. (RMJ-2) reflects total storage
9 and withdrawal capacity by pipeline supplier in a table format.

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11 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE LNG FACILITIES AND THEIR CAPACITIES.

12 A. SCE&G owns and operates two LNG facilities: one at Bushy Park near
13 Charleston which can liquefy and store up to 980 million cubic feet ("Mmcf") of
14 LNG, and the other at Salley in Orangeburg County, which can store up to 900
15 Mmcf of trucked-in LNG. LNG must be transported to Salley via truck because
16 Salley has no liquefaction facilities.

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18 Q. AT WHAT VAPORIZATION RATE CAN SCE&G USE THESE
19 FACILITIES?

20 A. The combined storage capability of these facilities allows our system
21 throughput planning to assume a maximum daily withdrawal quantity of 105
22 Mmcf/day. For example, assuming that storage volumes are at maximum capacity,

1 Bushy Park's inventory would be exhausted in approximately 16 days if operated at
2 a withdrawal rate of 60 Mmcf/day, and Salley's inventory would be exhausted in
3 approximately 20 days if operated at a withdrawal rate of 45 Mmcf/day.
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5 **Q. WHAT BENEFIT DO THESE LNG ASSETS PROVIDE THE COMPANY?**

6 **A.** SCE&G relies primarily upon its LNG assets to fulfill the peaking needs of
7 its system and customers. Additionally, the on-system LNG service significantly
8 adds to the reliability and security of gas supply during unfavorable operating
9 conditions that may occur from time to time. For example, SCE&G's supply of
10 gas could be unexpectedly interrupted because of a hurricane in the Gulf of
11 Mexico, or because abnormally cold weather creates a spike in demand which in
12 turn causes equipment malfunctions, well freeze-ups, and other operational
13 anomalies thereby limiting the supply of gas into South Carolina. In these
14 instances, SCE&G could employ the use of its on-system LNG facilities for a
15 limited time to offset or reduce any adverse effects caused by an upstream
16 interruption.

17 Attached hereto as Exhibit ~~No.~~ 50 (RMJ-3) is a comparison of SCE&G's
18 firm sales service to its capacity to deliver gas to serve firm demand. This exhibit
19 indicates that the Company will have firm assets sufficient to provide an 8.83%
20 system-wide operating reserve during the upcoming winter heating season. This
21 operating reserve is conditioned on the availability of the LNG facilities.
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1 **Q. DO YOU ANTICIPATE ADDITIONAL INTERSTATE CAPACITY NEEDS**
2 **IN THE NEAR FUTURE?**

3 A. Yes. SCE&G will require additional interstate pipeline capacity in order to
4 meet future design day forecasts as a result of (1) demand growth on its system for
5 natural gas and (2) the inability to rely on segmentation between certain
6 geographical regions, or area points, to the degree it has in the past.

7 The three interstate natural gas pipelines that serve SCE&G have indicated
8 that, based on current contracts, they are fully subscribed. Typically, interstate
9 pipelines are designed with little to no unsubscribed capacity therefore requiring
10 advance notice to build facilities for additional natural gas throughput. As such,
11 SCE&G continues to evaluate new interstate projects available in the marketplace
12 and to seek opportunities to participate in larger interstate pipeline projects which
13 may provide a benefit due to the economies of scale associated with such future
14 projects.

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16 **Q. WHY IS SCE&G UNABLE TO CONTINUE TO RELY ON**
17 **SEGMENTATION TO THE DEGREE IT HAS IN THE PAST?**

18 A. SCE&G will no longer have the flexibility to rely on segmentation to meet
19 design day needs between area points to the degree it has in the past due to more
20 businesses subscribing to the CGTC pipeline to serve increased firm demand on
21 the CGTC system. Historically, SCE&G has reviewed its firm capacity needs on a
22 system-wide basis and relied on segmentation to meet design day needs between

1 area points. However, as its ability to rely on segmentation decreases, SCE&G
2 will be required to look at its system growth in more detail by area points rather
3 than on a system-wide basis in order to determine where new facilities will need to
4 be constructed and to contract for any necessary additional firm transportation by
5 area points.

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7 **Q. HAS SCE&G ENTERED INTO ANY NEW FIRM CAPACITY**
8 **AGREEMENTS BY AREA POINTS?**

9 A. Yes. SCE&G has executed a precedent agreement with CGTC pursuant to
10 which SCE&G will subscribe to 30,000 Dt per day of firm capacity in the
11 Columbia area point, 5,000 Dt per day of firm capacity in the Sumter area point,
12 and 15,000 Dt per day of firm capacity in the Charleston area point. The projected
13 in-service date for this firm capacity is November 2017. Until CGTC completes
14 construction on this project, SCE&G plans to utilize segmentation and shared
15 capacity to meet its projected design day needs.

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17 **Q. HOW DOES SCE&G UTILIZE ITS COMBINED INTERSTATE**
18 **STORAGE AND ON-SYSTEM LNG TO ENSURE RELIABLE GAS**
19 **SERVICE?**

20 A. There are two dimensions to storage services: peak capability and duration.
21 SCE&G uses its storage to address both of these dimensions. Certain storage
22 services are designed to meet spikes in demand on very cold days but only for a

1 short period of time. The storage services in SCE&G's portfolio of this type
2 include Transco LNG Storage Service and both the Bushy Park and Salley LNG
3 facilities located on SCE&G's system. Accordingly, these storage services
4 provide SCE&G with system reliability and peaking capability.

5 Other storage services are geared toward meeting demand over more of the
6 winter period and not only on the coldest days. The storage services in SCE&G's
7 portfolio of this type include Transco Washington Storage Service ("WSS"),
8 Transco Eminence Storage Service ("ESS"), Transco General Storage Service
9 ("GSS") and Southern's Contract Storage Service ("CSS"). Therefore, these
10 storage services provide SCE&G with duration capability. Through the active
11 management of these assets, SCE&G is able to meet the needs of its firm
12 customers on the coldest days of the winter and over the entire winter.

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14 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CONSIDERATIONS EVALUATED BY SCE&G**
15 **IN ASSEMBLING ITS GAS SUPPLY PORTFOLIO.**

16 A. The Company's evaluations for assembling its gas supply portfolio include
17 reviewing the gas supply, storage, transportation, and other assets already under
18 contract. Other considerations include such things as geographical delivery
19 limitations, maximum volumes, storage ratchets, and the cost of the various
20 services. SCE&G then compares the resources against the firm demand under
21 varying weather conditions. Finally, the Company determines whether additional
22 resources are required to serve the firm demand.

1 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE USE OF EACH OF THESE VARIOUS**
2 **SERVICES WITHIN THE PORTFOLIO.**

3 A. SCE&G places different levels of reliance on its various supply sources
4 based on the time of year in question. Decisions related to the purchase of gas
5 supply are based upon the best information available to SCE&G at the time of
6 execution. During the winter heating season, the Company uses its wellhead gas
7 as its principal supply, followed by the use of its natural gas supply stored in
8 underground storage facilities. SCE&G primarily uses its on-system LNG to meet
9 the last increment of demand on the coldest days or hours of the year.

10 As the winter progresses, this order of usage may be modified. For
11 example, if South Carolina experiences mild weather during the early part of the
12 winter and storage inventories are relatively high, then underground storage and
13 LNG withdrawals may be used instead of wellhead supply.

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15 **Q. PLEASE DISCUSS THE STATE OF THE NATURAL GAS MARKET**
16 **DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD.**

17 A. Domestic natural gas prices continue to be the lowest and most stable in the
18 global natural gas market. In 2008, the supply versus demand balance shifted
19 from an extended period of a very tight supply versus demand balance to an
20 oversupply situation. Unprecedented high prices from 2005-2008, provided
21 additional capital for producers to increase their investment in new supply
22 sources. This additional supply is a result of horizontal drilling technology

1 allowing extraction of natural gas from shale deposits. This technology allows
2 producers to bring new supply to market in a very short time frame. These new
3 production areas are also located onshore which diminishes the risk of interruption
4 associated with hurricanes. As a result of this supply versus demand shift and
5 resulting storage surpluses, daily New York Mercantile Exchange settlement
6 prices ranged from \$3.23 to \$6.15 during the Review Period.

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8 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TOOLS THAT THE COMPANY UTILIZES TO**
9 **MITIGATE PRICE VOLATILITY TO ITS CUSTOMERS.**

10 A. The Company relies on the approved 12-month rolling purchased gas
11 adjustment mechanism, as described in more detail by Company Witness Robinson,
12 and physical gas storage to mitigate price volatility to its customers.

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14 **Q. IN REGARD TO THE COMPANY'S PURCHASING PRACTICES, WHAT**
15 **ARE YOU REQUESTING OF THE COMMISSION IN THIS**
16 **PROCEEDING?**

17 A. During the Review Period, SCE&G contracted for sufficient supplies of
18 natural gas and provided reliable service to its customers. SCE&G also adequately
19 maintained gas, storage, and transportation assets for its system during the Review
20 Period at levels that were prudent and reasonably met the reliability and service
21 needs of the system. It is my opinion that SCE&G's acquisition and management of
22 these assets during the Review Period has been prudent and reasonable. Therefore, I

1 respectfully request the Commission find that SCE&G's cost for gas purchases and
2 asset management were reasonable and prudent for the Review Period.

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4 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

5 **A. Yes.**

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Existing Firm Transportation Contracts

Exhibit No. ____ (RMJ-1)

		Maximum Firm Transportation Dt/Day	Expiration Date
Southern			
FSNG349 FT	Firm Transportation	44,078	August 31, 2018
FSNG349 FTNN	Firm Transportation	80,472	August 31, 2018
FSNG349 FT	Firm Transportation	<u>36,594</u>	August 31, 2018
		161,143	
Transco			
Z1 - Z5	Firm Transportation	3,209	December 30, 2017
Z2 - Z5	Firm Transportation	4,720	December 30, 2017
Z3 - Z5	Firm Transportation	3,587	December 30, 2017
Z3 - Z5	Firm Transportation	7,360	December 30, 2017
Station 65 (Sunbelt)	Firm Transportation	39,606	October 31, 2017
Station 85 (Sunbelt)	Firm Transportation	<u>6,170</u>	October 31, 2017
		64,652	
Carolina Gas			
	Firm Transportation	1,500	April 30, 2018
	Firm Transportation	5,300	October 31, 2017
	Firm Transportation	7,500	October 31, 2026
	Firm Transportation	<u>296,929</u>	October 31, 2019
		311,229	

Note: The Transco and Southern systems interconnect with the CGTC system at a number of metering stations. Supply transported using the firm capacity contracted for the Southern and Transco systems are, in most instances, delivered to SCE&G's 96 delivery points by CGTC. Thus, firm transportation capacity on the Transco and Southern systems cannot be aggregated with the firm transportation capacity on CGTC to reflect accurately the firm transportation capacity available to deliver gas to SCE&G's customers.

INTERSTATE STORAGE AND LNG STORAGE

Exhibit No. (R)RMJ(2)

I. Interstate Storage

<u>Pipeline</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Maximum Storage Quantity</u>	<u>Maximum Daily Withdrawal Quantity</u>	<u>Contract Expiration Date</u>
Southern	CSS	4,908,848	99,121	August 31, 2018
Transco	ESS	115,846	13,854	September 30, 2029
Transco	GSS	26,366	503	March 31, 2023
Transco	WSS	447,938	4,715	March 31, 2017
Transco	LNG	3,585	717	October 31, 2017
Total Transco		593,735	19,789	
Total Interstate		5,502,583	118,910	

II. SCE&G On-System LNG (in mcf)

SCE&G	LNGS	1,880,000	105,000
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Note: All values are stated in Dt, unless otherwise noted

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company
Available System Wide Capacity to Serve Firm Sales Service Demand

	2014-15 Winter Reserve Capacity (Dt)
CGTC Firm Interstate Capacity	311,229
SCE&G Shared CGTC Interstate Capacity	27,000
Segmented CGTC Interstate Capacity	40,000
Total Capacity to Deliver Gas to SCE&G via CGTC	<u>378,229</u>
 SCE&G's Peak Design Day Demand (Firm Sales Service to Customers)	 377,081
Less: Direct Connect Firm Sales Service Customers	29,546
Net SCE&G Firm Sales Service Customers behind CGTC	347,535
 Reserve dts	 <u><u>30,694</u></u>
 Reserve %	 8.83%

(1) Segmented Capacity utilizes existing Firm CGTC capacity at no additional demand cost